

**In the Claims**

The following is an amendment to and a complete listing of the claims which replaces all prior listings of claims in this application.

1. (Currently amended) A device ~~Device~~ for closing a container ~~(3, 103, 203)~~ provided with a neck ~~(2, 102, 202)~~, ~~[[this]]~~ the device comprising:

~~[[ - ]]~~ a first portion ~~intended to form~~ forming a closure element ~~(4, 104), i~~

~~[[ - ]]~~ a second~~[[ , ]]~~ annular portion ~~(5, 105), intended to be maintained positioned~~ around the neck ~~(2, 102), i~~

~~[[ - ]]~~ a third portion which forms a tamper-evident tab ~~(6, 106)~~ linking the first ~~(4, 104)~~ portion to the second ~~(5, 105)~~ portion, and which is connected to ~~[[these]]~~ the first and second portions ~~(4, 5, 104, 105)~~ by frangible means ~~(8, 9) and which is intended to be so that the tamper-evident tab must be removed upon first use in order to release the closure element (4, 104), i~~ and

storage means accessible through the second portion for allowing insertion of the tamper-evident tab therein this device being characterized in that it defines means (14, 114) for storing (F) the tamper-evident tab (6, 106), once [[this]] the

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tamper-evident tab has been separated from the first and second portions ~~(4, 5, 104, 105)~~.

2. (Currently amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the second portion ~~comprises~~ includes a wall forming an annular skirt ~~(5, 105)~~, and wherein the storage means ~~comprising~~ includes:

a storage space between the skirt and the neck; and

a passage ~~(14, 114) made~~ through the wall of ~~[[said]]~~ the skirt ~~(5, 105) and adapted to allow~~ that allows access to the storage space so that the insertion of the tamper-evident tab ~~(6, 106) can be inserted therein in an interior storage space (18, 118, 128) that the skirt (5, 105) and the neck (2, 102) are intended to define between each other.~~

3. (Currently amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that said wherein the~~ passage is formed by a hole ~~[[14]]~~.

4. (Currently amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~, opposite the closure element ~~[[104]]~~, the skirt ~~[[05]]~~ terminates in a free edge ~~[[112]]~~ which defines a notch ~~[[114]]~~ forming ~~[[said]]~~ the passage.

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5. (Currently Amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that wherein~~, on each side of the tamper-evident tab ~~(6; 106)~~, ~~[[said]]~~ the frangible means ~~present the form of is~~ a continuous line of lesser mechanical resistance ~~(8; 9)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) The device ~~Device~~ according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising a hinge ~~[[ (10) ]]~~ that links the closure element ~~(4; 104)~~ to the second portion ~~(5; 105)~~, and wherein the ~~[[said]]~~ frangible means ~~comprising~~ includes at least one line of lesser mechanical resistance ~~[[ (9) , ]]~~ which extends between the tamper-evident tab ~~(6; 106)~~ and the second portion ~~(5; 105)~~, and, ~~diametrically~~ diametrically opposite the hinge ~~[[ (10) ]]~~, defines an ~~[[the]]~~ edge ~~[[ (13) ]]~~ of a notch ~~[[ (20) ]]~~ ~~intended to be that is~~ defined by ~~[[said]]~~ the second portion ~~(5; 105)~~ and ~~to uncover~~ uncovers a part of the neck ~~(2; 102; 202)~~ after the tamper-evident tab ~~(6; 106)~~ has been removed.

7. (Currently Amended) A container ~~Container~~ provided with a neck ~~(2; 102; 202)~~, ~~characterized in that it comprises the~~ container comprising a body having a neck and a closure device for closing an opening in the neck of the container including:  
a first portion forming a closure element;

a second, annular portion positioned around the neck;  
a third portion which forms a tamper-evident tab linking the  
first portion to the second portion, and which is connected to  
the first and second portions by frangible means so that the  
tamper-evident tab must be removed upon first use in order to  
release the closure element; and

storage means accessible through the second portion for  
allowing insertion of the tamper-evident tab therein once the  
tamper-evident tab has been separated from the first and second  
portions (1; 101) according to Claim 1, mounted on the neck (2;  
102; 202).

8. (Currently Amended) The container ~~Container~~ according to  
Claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the storage means  
includes:

a storage space between the skirt and the neck; and  
a passage through the wall of the skirt that allows access  
to the storage space so that the tamper-evident tab can be  
inserted therein ~~closure device (1; 101) the neck (2; 102; 202)~~  
~~and said skirt (5; 105) defining therebetween an interior storage~~  
~~space (18; 118; 218) to which said passage (14; 114) provides~~  
~~access and in which the tamper-evident tab (6; 106) may be~~  
~~inserted.~~

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9. (Currently amended) The container ~~Container~~ according to Claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one of the elements of the group ~~comprising~~ consisting of the neck ~~(2, 102, 202)~~ and ~~[[said]]~~ the skirt ~~(5, 105)~~ of the closure device ~~(1, 101)~~, defines at least one guide ~~(16, 21, 115, 202)~~ for confining the tamper-evident tab ~~(6, 106)~~ in the interior storage space ~~(18, 118, 218)~~.

10. (Currently amended) The container ~~Container~~ according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one ~~confinement~~ guide for confining is an annular projection ~~(16, 21, 115, 222)~~ laterally defining the interior storage space ~~(18, 118, 218)~~.

11. (Canceled)

12. (New) The container according to Claim 8, wherein the passage is formed by a hole.

13. (New) The container according to Claim 12, wherein, opposite the closure element, the skirt terminates in a free edge which defines a notch forming the passage.

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14. (New) The container according to Claim 13, wherein on each side of the tamper-evident tab the frangible means is a continuous line of lesser mechanical resistance.

15. (New) The container according to Claim 14, further comprising a hinge that links the closure element to the second portion, and wherein the frangible means includes at least one line of lesser mechanical resistance which extends between the tamper-evident tab and the second portion, and, diametrically opposite the hinge, defines an edge of a notch that is defined by the second portion and uncovers a part of the neck after the tamper-evident tab has been removed.

16. (New) The container according to Claim 15, wherein, at the notch, the neck projects further than the second portion.